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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

PALANCHON et al.

Application No. 09/914,475

Group Art Unit: 3743

Filed: August 29, 2001

Examiner: Flanigan, Allen J.

For: EVAPORATOR WITH STACKED FLAT TUBES  
POSSESSING TWO OPPOSITE FLUID BOXES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
And Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be reconsidered based on this Preliminary Amendment and arguments set forth herein. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been submitted concurrent with this Preliminary Amendment.